

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Greef, on January 17, 2017 at 3:01 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Abbott  
Rep. Bishop  
Rep. Dunwell  
Rep. Garner  
Rep. Lavin  
Rep. Webber  
Rep. Zolnikov

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 221, 1/11/2017

00:01:58 Chair Greef  
00:02:29 Rep. Usher  
00:03:17 Rep. Abbott joined the meeting  
00:03:28 Rep. Webber joined the meeting

**HEARING ON HB 221**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:09 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 221, Revise laws related to public records of municipalities.

**Proponents:**

00:05:56 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association  
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**Opponents:** None

**Informational Witnesses:** None

00:09:15 Rep. Dunwell joined the meeting

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:20 Chair Greef  
00:10:52 Rep. D. Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:08 Rep. D. Jones

**Committee Business:**

00:12:50 Chair Greef  
00:13:00 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division, LSD

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 221**

00:14:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 221 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Garner, Rep. Lavin and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

**Committee Business:**

00:16:48 Rep. Mandeville  
00:17:13 Chair Greef

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:18:21

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Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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